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SETTING UP OF A THERMAL POWER PROJECT IN JHARKHAND
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the NTPC proposed to set up a Thermal Power Project in district Chatra Jharkhand;

(b) if so, whether the foundation stone of the said project was laid in 2002 but the execution work on the project has not yet been started;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which the execution work is likely to be commenced?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) : NTPC proposes to set up North Karanpura Super Thermal Power Project (3x660 MW) in Chatra and Hazaribagh District of Jharkhand.

NTPC has obtained confirmations for key linkages like water, coal & land from the State Government, the Ministry of Coal and clearances from Airport Authorities, Damodar Valley Corporation, Central Water Commission, State Pollution Control Board and Defence Authorities etc. Detailed Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) study has also been carried out.

In January, 2003, NTPC was advised by Central Coal Fields Ltd., (CCL) and Coal Mine Planning and Design Institute (CMPDIL), to review the sitting of the project as it was falling in the coal bearing area. After detailed consultations with Central Coal Fields Ltd. (CCL)/coal India Ltd., (CIL)/Coal Mine Planning and Design Institute (CMPDIL)/Ministry of Coal, the new site for the project location was agreed to in July, 2003. This readjustment in site necessitated certain additional site-specific studies, which have also been carried out.

NTPC has set up its Site office at Hazaribagh and Infrastructural development activities have been initiated. The project has been planned for benefits in the 11th Plan period.